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The undersigned respectfully requests a telephonic interview with Examiner Bianco. In preparation for the requested interview, Applicant submits the following proposed amendments for discussion.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A method for extracorporeal collection of blood components from a donor/patient, comprising:

- flowing blood into a blood processing vessel for continuous blood processing;
- separating platelets from said blood within said blood processing vessel;
- separating red blood cells from said blood within said blood processing vessel continuously with said step of separating platelets;